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TAGS: PFOR, UK, EEC

SUBJECT: FCO VIEWS ON EC DIRECT ELECTIONS

REF: LONDON 7851

1. FOLLOWING UP ON WORD FROM FRG EMBASSY THAT GENSCHER WILL VISIT LONDON MAY 25 TO DISCUSS DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT, POLITICAL COUNSELOR RAISED MATTER WITH FCO PARLIAMENTARY UNDER SECRETARY TOMLINSON AT RECEPTION LAST EVENING. TOMLINSON SAID THAT GENSCHER WAS PRIMARILY INTERESTED IN GETTING EC TO AGREE ON FORMULA FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BEFORE ITALIAN ELECTIONS ARE HELD IN JUNE. BRITISH TOO, HE SAID, WOULD LIKE TO GET THIS ISSUE OUT OF THE WAY BEFORE THEN. AS FAR AS THE BRITISH KNOW, THE GERMANS STILL HAVE A COMPLETELY OPEN MIND ON FORMULA FOR DIRECT ELECTIONS AND ARE PREPARED TO GO ALONG WITH ANYTHING AGREEABLE TO THEIR EIGHT EC PARTNERS. THE FRENCH, FCO UNDERSTANDS, ARE NOW PREPARED TO MODIFY THEIR STAND. (WE WONDER IF EMBASSIES BONN OR PARIS HAVE HEARD ANY  
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INDICATION OF THIS.)

2. IN ANY EVENT, THE OVER-RIDING CONCERN FOR HMG IS  
THAT FINAL FORMULA GIVE SCOTTISH NATIONAL PARTY NO  
GROUNDS FOR ARGUING THAT SCOTLAND IS UNDER-REPRESENTED  
IN EC PARLIAMENT COMPARED TO SMALL EC STATES.

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